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SUBJECT: ALLIANCE EAST-WEST STUDY - BERLIN

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1. EMBASSY BONN'S POINT IS WELL-TAKEN CONCERNING
THE VALUE OF BONN GROUP PRECONCURRENCE IN THE
PAPER ON BERLIN WHICH IS TO BE DRAFTED BY THE FRG
FOR THE ALLIANCE EAST-WEST STUDY. DEPARTMENT AGREES
WITH DESIRABILITY OF AVOIDING THE FOUR POWERS THEMSELVES
DEBATING BERLIN POLICY DURING NATO CONSIDERATION

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OF THE PAPER. EMBASSY MAY THEREFORE SUGGEST AT
NEXT APPROPRIATE BONN GROUP MEETING THAT FRG DRAFT
WOULD BEST BE CLEARED BY THE GROUP SO THAT
QUADRIPARTITE PARTNERS WOULD HAVE A COMMON POSITION
PRIOR TO THE PAPER'S BEING SUBMITTED TO THE
SCRUTINY OF THE OTHER NATO ALLIES IN BRUSSELS.

2. IN HANDLING THE ISSUE, HOWEVER, EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT WE ARE STRIVING TO HAVE THE PAPERS FOR THE TRENDS SECTION (PART 1) OF THE STUDY PREPARED FREE OF PRECONCEPTIONS OR PRECONCLUSIONS AND OPEN TO CONSTRUCTIVE CRITIQUE BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE

ALLIANCE. WE WISH IN PARTICULAR TO AVOID ANY "EX CATHEDRA" STATEMENTS IN THE GROUP OR DURING NATO DISCUSSION WHICH MIGHT BE TRIGGERED BY THE TRADITIONAL QUADRIpartite "IMPRIMATUR" APPROACH SUGGESTED IN REFTel PARAGRAPH TWO. WE WOULD ALSO WISH TO ENSURE THAT A PRECEDENT NOT BE SET FOR SPECIAL HANDLING OF OTHER STUDY SUBJECTS. EMBASSY SHOULD THEREFORE NOTE TO GROUP THAT IT IS SUGGESTING THE NEED FOR PRECONCURRENCE ON THIS SUBJECT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE UNIQUENESS OF THE BERLIN QUESTION.

3. IF BONN GROUP REACTION IS NEGATIVE, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM DEPARTMENT BEFORE TAKING FUTHUR ACTION.

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